

Commissioner Meeting
April 20th, 2020

Chairman Paul Hodge called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Chuck Spradlin, Ben Fox, Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Kathy Robison County Clerk (conference call) and County Counselor Paul Dean (conference call)

The Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Chuck Spradlin made a motion to approve April 13th, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Roy Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Paul Hodge reported having received a letter regarding conditions of GG road. The letter stated that the road is in major neglect and requested that a dead end sign be installed. Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman stated that the GG road is currently on the departments list of pending repairs. Commissioner Chuck Spradlin asked Darrel if he had had a discussion with County contracted Engineer Michael Maris regarding Senate Bill 173, which states that every county in Kansas will receive at least \$8 million in transportation improvements over the course of ten years. Chrisman replied he had not had a chance to speak with Maris at this point. Commissioner Roy Ballard told Chrisman that additional brush could be removed to increase sight lines on Hilltop Road. Chrisman told Commissioners that work to 70th street west of Piedmont Road will likely be contracted out. County Counselor Paul Dean informed Chrisman that the section of road on 340th street where there are two low water crossings within the stretch of a single mile is nearly impassible. Sheriff Heath Samuels informed Chrisman that 80th street just east of Highway 99 near Climax, is still in need of repair.

Following a brief discussion regarding the next tax sale, the decision was made to move forward with the sale which included 195 properties.

Commissioner Ben Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount \$131,227.23. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$105,748.69. Commissioner Roy Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Health Department Nurse Vicki Lindsey-Ross reported that currently Greenwood County has two positive cases of COVID-19 and approximately 30 negative cases. Commissioner Chuck Spradlin stated he was of the opinion that local officials should be in charge of deciding when community life and operations should return to normal. County Counselor Paul Dean stated that although this is not something that has been litigated, he would not recommend it.

Commissioners were prompted by Vicki Ross to discuss their thought regarding the prospects of holding a graduation parade to honor Eureka Seniors. Following a brief discussion, county officials were supportive of the concept. Ross reported that the Health Department has been getting grant money due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Vicki reported that a portion of the added funding will go towards the purchase of a vaccine refrigerator and pharmaceutical grade freezer.

In an effort to reduce the number of people flocking to local election polls, advanced ballot applications will be mailed out county wide.

County Fire Chief Doug Williams told commissioners that the Severy Fire Department has recently experienced vehicle breakdowns. Williams stated that the motor in Severy's 2005 Ford has been a continuous fight. Commissioner Ballard told Williams that having the engine depleted improves its function and will solve the oil pump issues. Williams reported that the County Fire Department has also been experimenting with outfitting drivers and firefighters with Bluetooth headsets.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn at 10:24 A.M. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held Monday, April 20th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Chairman

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin, Member

Roy Ballard
Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan
Robert Joe Morgan, Member

ATTEST: _____
Kathy Robison, County Clerk